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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment filed herewith be entered at this time.

Our check in the amount of \$770 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a Large entity.

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